GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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District Rural Development Agencies
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discontinued/proposes to discontinue District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is delay in payment of salary and allowances to the officials working at DRDAs in various States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to disburse salary to DRDA officials/staffs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): No sir, There is no proposal to discontinue District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs).

(c) &(d): During the last financial year 2015-16 against the Budgetary provision of Rs. 255.00 Crore towards Central share, Rs. 254.07 Crore were released to the States / UTs for further transfer to their DRDAs along with due State Share. Delays in payment of salary to the DRDA staff were reported from some states. The States/UTs have been advised to ensure that adequate funds are made available for the salary of DRDA employees.

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